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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--November 1982

I. OPERATIONS

Editorial/Monitorial

1. Jordan Bureau began daily coverage of the new Palestinian radio broadcasting from Baghdad, Voice of the PLO, on 1 November, its first day of experimental transmission. Although reception was generally fair, the new radio, which utilizes existing Iraqi facilities, initially suffered from some interference from Moscow. However, reception improved significantly after 18 November, when the Voice of the PLO switched to a different frequency, thus avoiding the interference problem. With consistently good reception in Amman, after the frequency change, the station is proving very productive, even during its experimental period of 1 hour of broadcasting per day. According to a Saudi newspaper and other reports, beginning early in the new year the Voice of the PLO is to extend its broadcast and begin utilizing a new transmitter located in western Iraq, near the border with Jordan.

2. At the request of FCS, Jordan and Gulf bureaus conducted reception checks of the Voice of Palestine and Voice of the PLO broadcasts emanating from Baghdad, San'a' and Aden to determine whether there would be any advantage to trading coverage responsibilities. Reception of the programs at Jordan Bureau was consistently fair or better throughout the 8-22 November exercise.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Recruiting efforts to bring the Bureau's monitoring staff up to T/O took a small step forward in November with completion of testing and interviewing of a promising Arabic monitor candidate,

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[redacted] began preemployment processing in the last few days of November and is expected to EOD in December.

B. Other

Bureau staffers received their new General Electric PE-66 personal radios for use in the Embassy communications network during November. The five new radios--one for each of four staffers and one for the office--replaced similar units on loan to FBIS from the Embassy.

III. VISITS

To the Bureau:

1. [redacted] Chief of the Administrative Staff,
7-10 November for familiarization and consultation.

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2. [redacted] Deputy Chief of Operations Group,
17-20 November for management inspection.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

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JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 173,950
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 79,090
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 578

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	7,575	26,385	57

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHRAIN			
MANAMA WAKH IN			
ARABIC		150	
CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)			
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN			
ARABIC	0		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI PEOPLE IN			
ARABIC	0		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN			
ARABIC	0		
FRANCE			
PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN			
ARABIC		0	
PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN			
ARABIC		0	
IRAQ			
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN			
ARABIC	5660		
BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN			
ARABIC	19500		
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	10240		
BAGHDAD INA IN			
ARABIC		27950	
BAGHDAD INA IN			
ENGLISH		840	
BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN			
ARABIC		0	
BAGHDAD ATH-THAWRAH IN			
ARABIC		0	
ISRAEL			
JERUSALEM IN			
ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD	1610		
JERUSALEM AL-FAJR IN			
ARABIC		250	
JERUSALEM AL-MITHAQ IN			
ARABIC		0	
JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN			
ARABIC		2120	
JERUSALEM ASH-SHA'B IN			
ARABIC		1070	
JERUSALEM AT-TALI'AH IN			
ARABIC		920	
JORDAN			
AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	21110		
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	2070		
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
ENGLISH	0100		
AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN			
ARABIC		1220	
AMMAN AD-DUSTUR IN			
ARABIC		730	
AMMAN AKHDAR AL-USBU' IN			
ARABIC		160	
AMMAN AR-RAY' IN			
ARABIC		4450	
AMMAN JERUSALEM STAR IN			
ENGLISH		1200	
AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN			
ENGLISH		040	
MONACO			
MONTE CARLO RADIO MONTE CARLO IN			
ARABIC	22970		
QATAR			
DOHA QNA IN			
ARABIC		0	
SUDAN			
KHARTOUM SUNA IN			
ARABIC		6020	
KHARTOUM SUNA IN			
ENGLISH		50	
SYRIA			
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	26900		
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	310		
DAMASCUS SANA IN			
ARABIC		6190	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
ABU DHABI WAKH IN			
ARABIC		0	
UNITED KINGDOM			
LONDON REUTER IN			
ENGLISH		1160	